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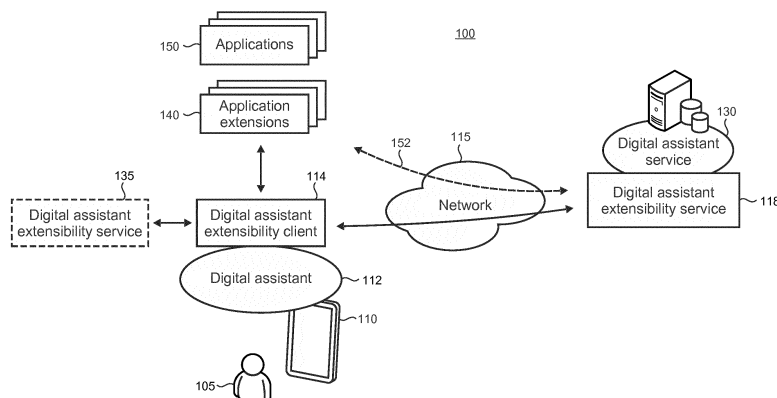
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(54) **DIGITAL ASSISTANT EXTENSIBILITY TO THIRD PARTY APPLICATIONS**

(57) A digital assistant includes an extensibility client that interfaces with application extensions that are built by third-party developers so that various aspects of application user experiences, content, or features may be integrated into the digital assistant and rendered as native digital assistant experiences. Application extensions can use a variety of services provided from cloud-based and/or local sources such as language/vocabulary, user preferences, and context services that add intelligence and contextual relevance while enabling the extensions

to plug in and operate seamlessly within the digital assistant context. Application extensions may also access and utilize general digital assistant functions, data structures, and libraries exposed by the services and implement application domain-specific context and behaviors using the programming features captured in the extension. Such extensibility to third party applications can broaden the scope of the database of information that the digital assistant may use to answer questions and perform actions for the user.

FIG 1



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Reason for the limitation of the search:

Claims 1 and 14 are of apparatus category. However they do not meet the requirements of Art. 84 EPC in combination with Rule 43(2) EPC, that an application may contain more than one independent claim in a particular category only if the subject-matter claimed falls within one or more of the exceptional situations set out in paragraph (a), (b) or (c) of Rule 43(2) EPC.

This is not the case in the present application because claim 1 relates to an apparatus for supporting a digital assistant while claim 14 relates to an apparatus for implementing extensibility of a digital assistant to third-party applications.

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